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SUBJECT: HABITAT PREP COM

FOR SISCO FROM BLAKE

1. ONLY CONTENTIOUS ITEM AT NEW YORK HABITAT PREPCOM
AUGUST 25-29 CONCERNS RULE OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING
PREROGATIVES OF OBSERVERS AT VANCOUVER HABITAT
CONFERENCE. PREPCOM FORMED SMALL WORKING GROUP WHICH
FINALLY EVOLVED TWO FORMULATIONS FOR OBSERVERS: FIRST
ONLY APPLYING TO PLO AND PLACING ABSOLUTELY NO
RESTRICTIONS EXCEPT LACK OF RIGHT TO VOTE ON THEIR
ACTIVITIES IN THE CONFERENCE, ITS COMMITTEES, AND
WORKING GROUPS; SECOND APPLIES TO AFRICAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENT AND SAYS THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE
DELIBERATION OF THE CONFERENCE, ITS COMMITTEES AND,
AS APPROPRIATE, THE WORKING GROUPS THEREOF, ON ANY
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MATTER OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THOSE MOVEMENTS.

2. IRAQIS PRESSED HARD IN WORKING GROUP FOR PLO TO HAVE
EVERY RIGHT OF FULL STATE EXCEPT RIGHT TO VOTE. AS

RESULT STRONG EFFORTS BY US MEMBER, THEIR HAVING RIGHT OF REPLY WAS ELIMINATED. US DELEGATION TO HABITAT PREPCOM FEELS THEY GOT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN WORKING GROUP AND THAT REGISTERING US OBJECTIONS OR CALLING FOR VOTE IN PLENARY SESSION WHEN RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING GROUP WILL BE ACCEPTED WILL HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT AND OPEN UP MEETING TO PERHAPS EVEN MORE EXPANDED ROLE FOR PLO.

3. HOWEVER, THESE EXPANDED RIGHTS FOR OBSERVERS COULD SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENTS FOR GRANTING SAME RIGHTS TO ALL OBSERVERS IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. ACCORDINGLY, IF ALL THIS FITS IN WITH WHAT YOU ARE NOW DOING, WE WILL INSTRUCT US DELEGATION TO ENTER FOLLOWING RESERVATION TO RULES OF PROCEDURE AFTER THEY ARE ACCEPTED BY PLENARY SESSION FOR FORWARDING TO UNGA:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT WE HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO GIVE OBSERVERS AN EXPANDED ROLE AS PROPOSED IN THE TWO DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE, 51 AND 52. THE CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE SEEN IN THESE RULES COULD BLUR THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE ROLE OF FULL PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS, AND DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF FORMING SMALL WORKING GROUPS TO EXPEDITE THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE. OUR RESERVATION IN NO WAY REFLECTS ANY CHANGE IN OUR POLICY IN REGARD TO ANY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. END QUOTE. (NOTE: THIS LAST PHRASE IS STANDARD RESERVATION WE MAKE RE NLMS.)

4. FYI: ISRAELI EMB OFF EXPRESSED GUARDED SATISFACTION WITH WORK OF PREPCOM SO FAR AS NOTHING HAS ARISEN ABOUT EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM VANCOUVER MEETING. END FYI.

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5. IF YOU AGREE PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CONCURRENCE DIRECT TO USUN SINCE MATTER LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED FRIDAY A.M., AUGUST 29. INGERSOLL

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